



Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Corn harvest began on a limited basis and hay cutting continued to progress. Statewide, precipitation averaged 1.39 inches, 0.70 inches above normal. The average temperature was 70.9 degrees, 2.7 degrees below normal. There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending August 22. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Corn in the dough stage was at 91 percent. Corn dented reached 55 percent, a jump of 17 percentage points from last week. Corn mature reached 3 percent, 8 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Corn condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 96 percent, compared to last year at 99 percent and the 5-year average of 98 percent. Soybeans setting pods was at 88 percent, an increase of 7 percentage points over last week. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Pasture and range condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending August 23, 2015

District and State	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Supply				Subsoil Moisture Supply			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Northwest	4.4	2	22	66	10	2	15	71	12
Northeast	5.1	-	11	86	3	-	11	83	6
West	5.3	-	15	85	-	-	11	81	8
Central	5.9	3	21	72	4	-	10	86	4
East	5.7	-	18	79	3	-	13	82	5
West Southwest	5.2	2	11	75	12	1	13	75	11
East Southeast	6.1	3	29	61	7	2	21	67	10
Southwest	4.9	-	8	68	24	-	7	70	23
Southeast	5.7	2	7	75	16	2	12	68	18
Illinois	5.4	2	17	73	8	1	13	76	10

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 23, 2015	August 16, 2015	August 23, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dough	91	84	92	92
Corn dented	55	38	46	58
Corn mature	3	(NA)	(NA)	11
Soybeans blooming	96	94	99	98
Soybeans setting pods	88	81	93	91
Sorghum headed	87	71	89	90
Sorghum turning color	57	40	56	51
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	78	59	65	73

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending August 23, 2015

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	5	10	29	44	12
Soybeans	5	13	30	43	9
Sorghum	2	8	47	37	6
Pasture	1	5	30	51	13

Crop Progress by District: Week Ending August 23, 2015

Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dough	85	93	95	94	87	96	91	98	87
Corn dented	43	31	59	62	37	73	66	67	67
Corn mature	2	-	-	9	-	4	1	-	9
Soybeans blooming	96	100	100	97	99	97	93	95	92
Soybeans setting pods	89	99	96	91	91	87	88	70	85

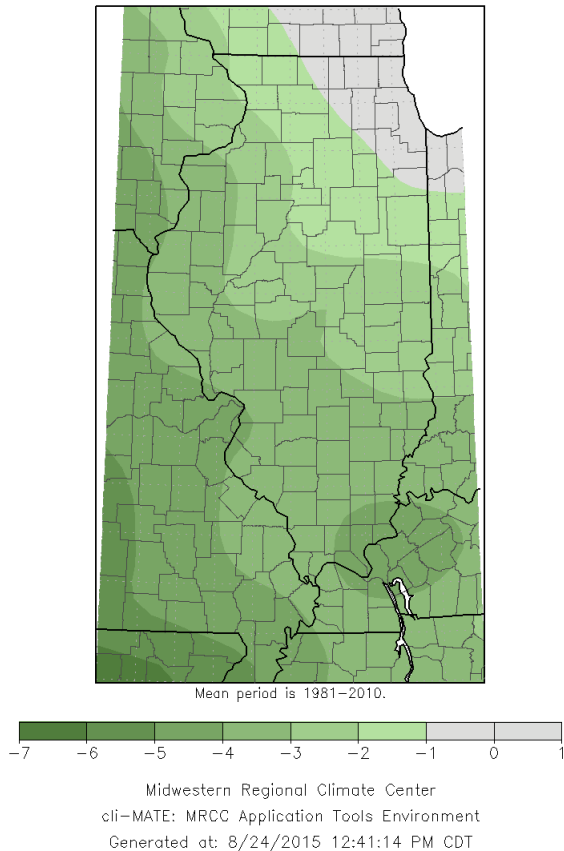
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Weather Information: Week Ending August 23, 2015

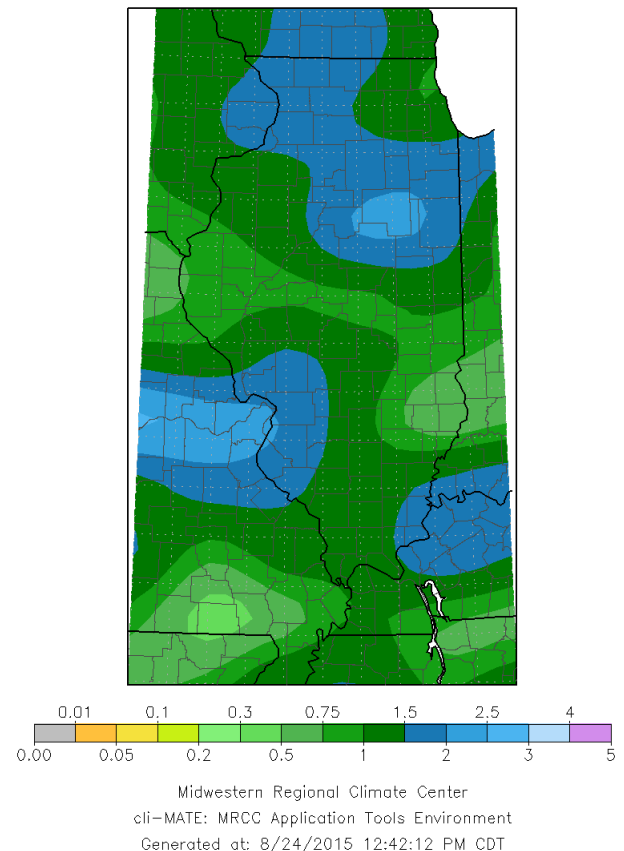
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest	69.1	-2.3	1.68	0.72	2,136	-38
Northeast	70.2	-1.1	1.34	0.57	2,123	-12
West	70.3	-3.7	0.95	0.28	2,388	13
Central	70.6	-2.5	1.52	0.85	2,372	51
East	70.5	-1.9	1.78	1.06	2,337	49
West Southwest	71.2	-3.5	1.47	0.81	2,513	62
East Southeast	71.9	-2.8	0.96	0.36	2,545	80
Southwest	72.5	-3.5	1.44	0.84	2,694	146
Southeast	72.7	-3.5	1.39	0.83	2,712	137
Illinois	70.9	-2.7	1.39	0.70	2,412	50

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
August 17, 2015 to August 23, 2015



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 17, 2015 to August 23, 2015



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